RESPONSES TO CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING CORNELIA WARREN FARM AND FIELD HOUSE 240 BEAVER STREET



CITY OF WALTHAM MASSACHUSETTS

November 2, 2022

Dear Occupants of 240 Beaver Street, Waltham MA:

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Please describe and list the personal property. Example, equipment, sheds, small buildings, shelters, tents, etc.

If there is any other occupant you are aware of other than those listed below, please advise me so I may send them a letter as well.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael Chiasson Director of CPW

cc: V

Waltham Fields Community Farm Boston Area Climate Experiment

Green Rows of Waltham Grow Native Massachusetts

Mass Farmers Market Waltham Land Trust Healthy Waltham

From:

Stacey Daley <Stacey@communityfarms.org>

Sent:

Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:56 AM

To:

Chiasson, Michael

Subject:

Follow Up

Attachments:

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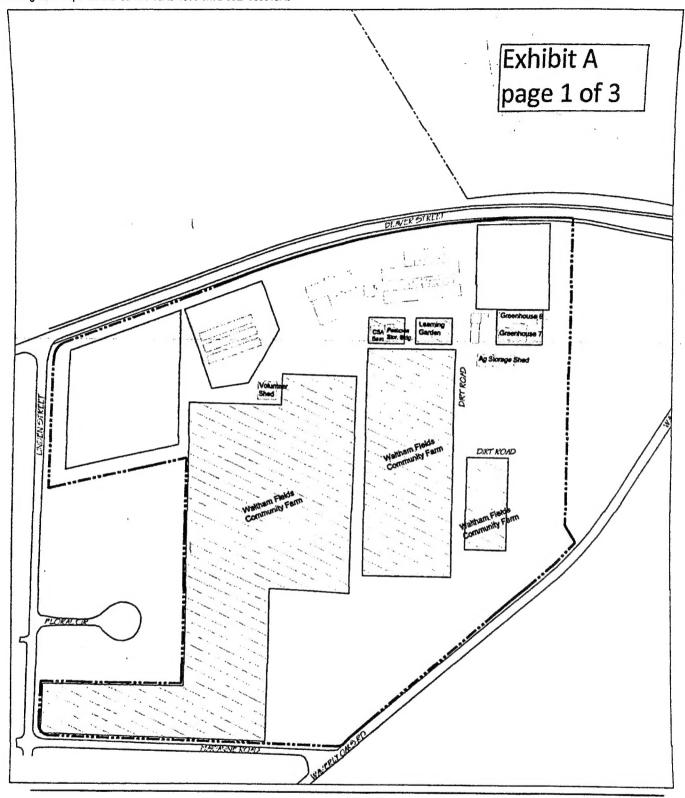
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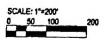
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WALTHAM STATION
COMMUNITY FARMS OUTREACH
EXHIBIT A - LICENSED LAND



1/13/2021 UMass Campus Planning

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Wednesday, November 16, 2022 4:00 PM

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Wednesday, November 23, 2022 11:16 AM

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From:

Dylan Sanders <sanders@sugarmanrogers.com>

Sent:

Thursday, December 1, 2022 2:25 PM

To:

Chiasson, Michael

Cc:

LaCrosse, Stew; Stacey Daley

Subject:

240 Beaver Street

Attachments:

2022.12.01 Waltham Fields-Letter to Michael Chiasson (re 240 Beaver Street)

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Dear Mr. Chiasson,

Please see the attached correspondence on behalf of Waltham Fields Community Farms.

Thank you,

Dylan Sanders

617.227.3030 (O) | 617.549.5828 (M)



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By Email

Mr. Michael Chiasson Director of Public Works City of Waltham 165 Lexington Street Waltham, MA 02452-4638

Re:

240 Beaver Street, Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Chiasson:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dylan Sanders

C. Dylan Sanders

cc: Ms. Stacey Daley, Executive Director, WFCF CDS/kt

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To: Chiasson, Michael: Bower, Brian Cc: Alden Griffith

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Sent:

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